

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Response, claims 1-24 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, and 16 have been amended. Claims 11, 12, and 22-24 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-10 and 13-21 remain presented for examination.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 22-24 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of its former dependent claim 22. Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of its former dependent claim 23 and claim 16 has been amended to include the recitations of its former dependent claim 24. The remaining claims depend from claim 1, 9, or 16. Therefore, Applicants believe that all claims are now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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